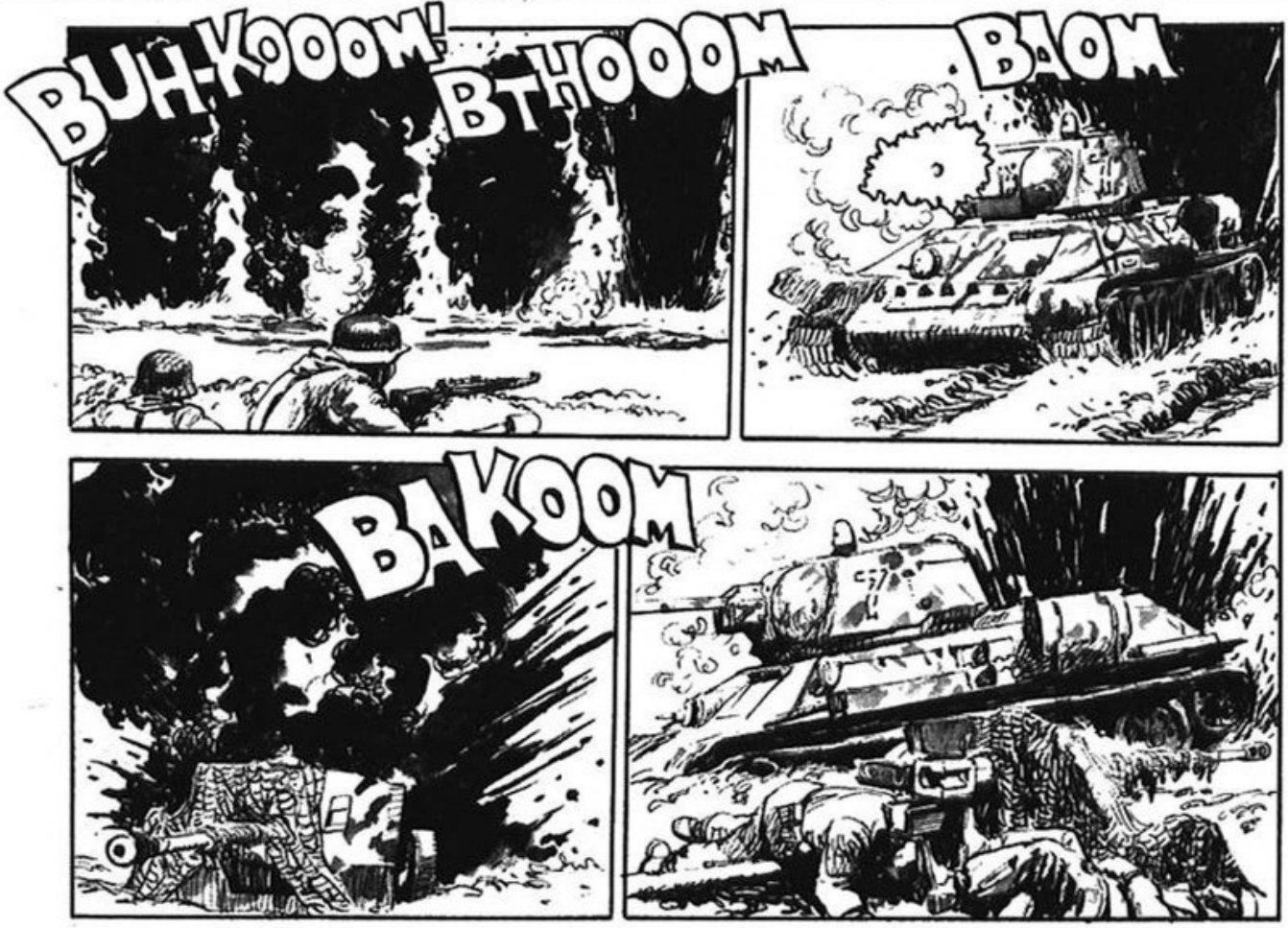
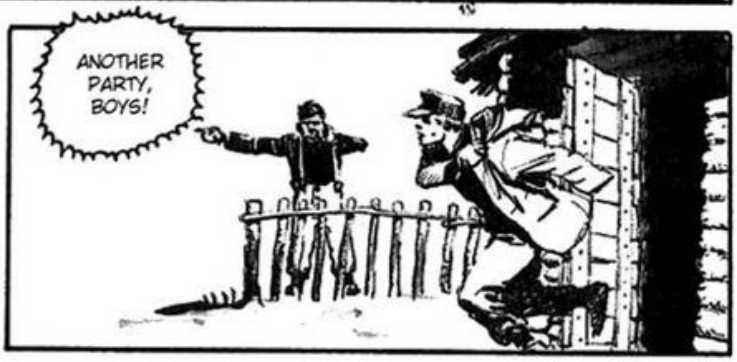
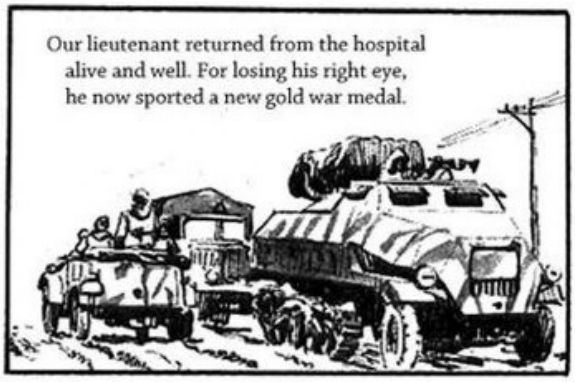
Episode 2
"Panzer vor!"
Iron Coffin or not!

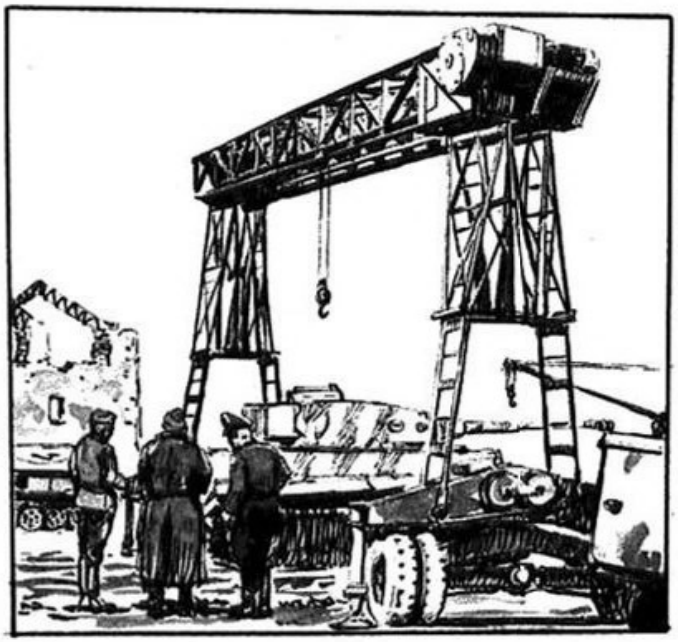




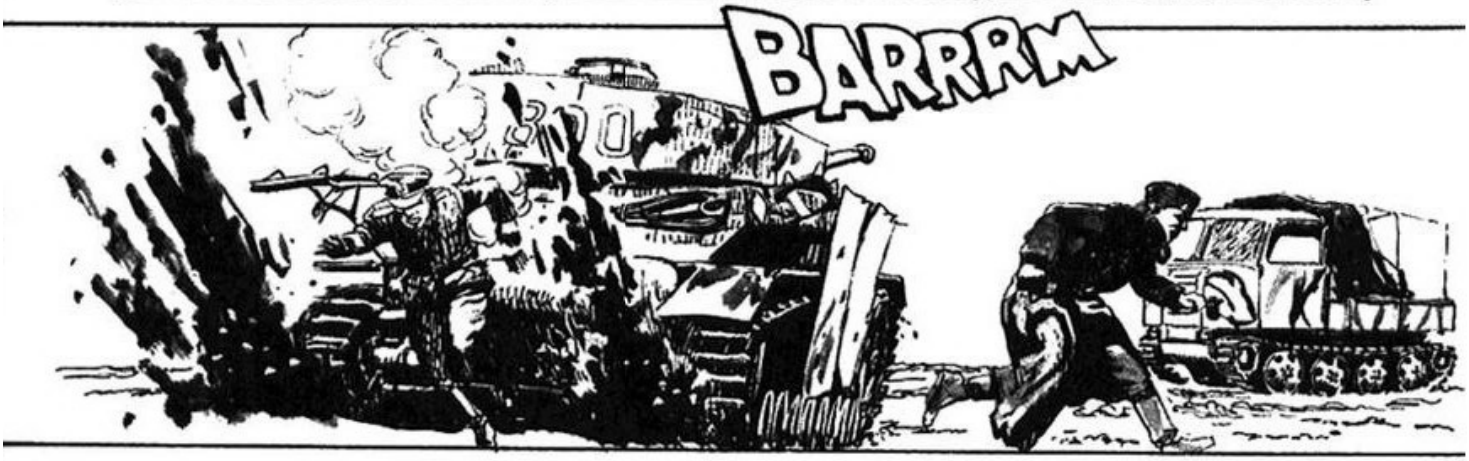


Our lieutenant returned from the hospital alive and well. For losing his right eye, he now sported a new gold war medal.

His 800-tank was sent in for repairs. Generally, there was one armoured vehicle repair company assigned for each panzer battalion. These repairmen worked night and day fixing damaged hulls, engines, and cannons.

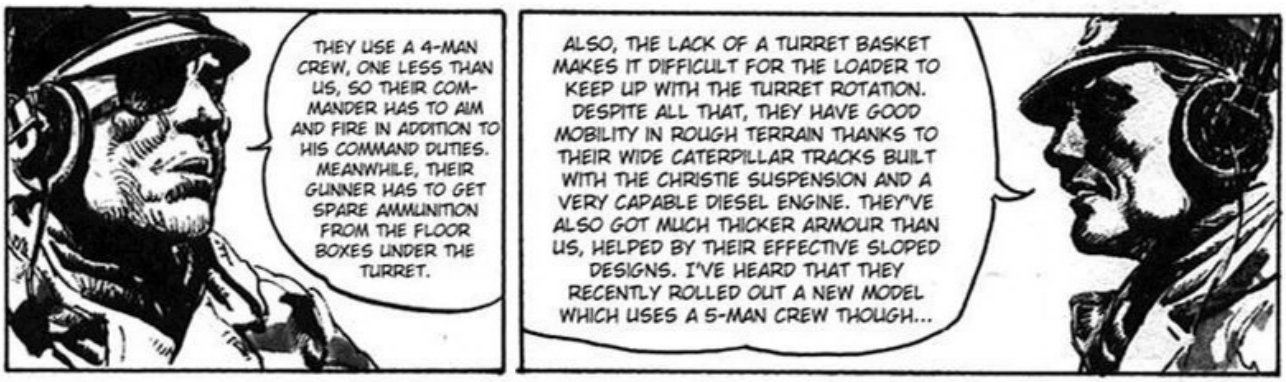


WHAT KIND OF HALF-ASSED MAINTENANCE IS THIS?
I'M GONNA BE BORROWING YOUR TANK FOR A BIT.
DO WHAT YOU WANT.

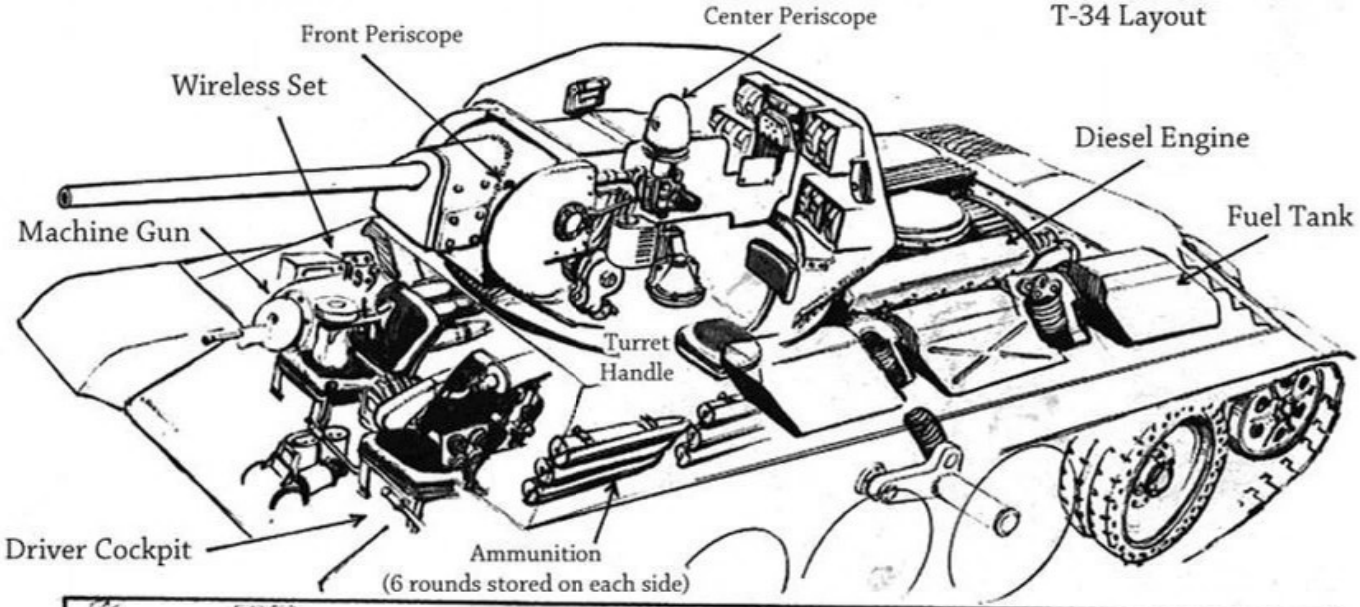

BARRRM

REPORT STATUS!
NO PROBLEM WITH THE ENGINE STATUS.
TURRET AND RADIOS ARE IN WORKING ORDER, LT.

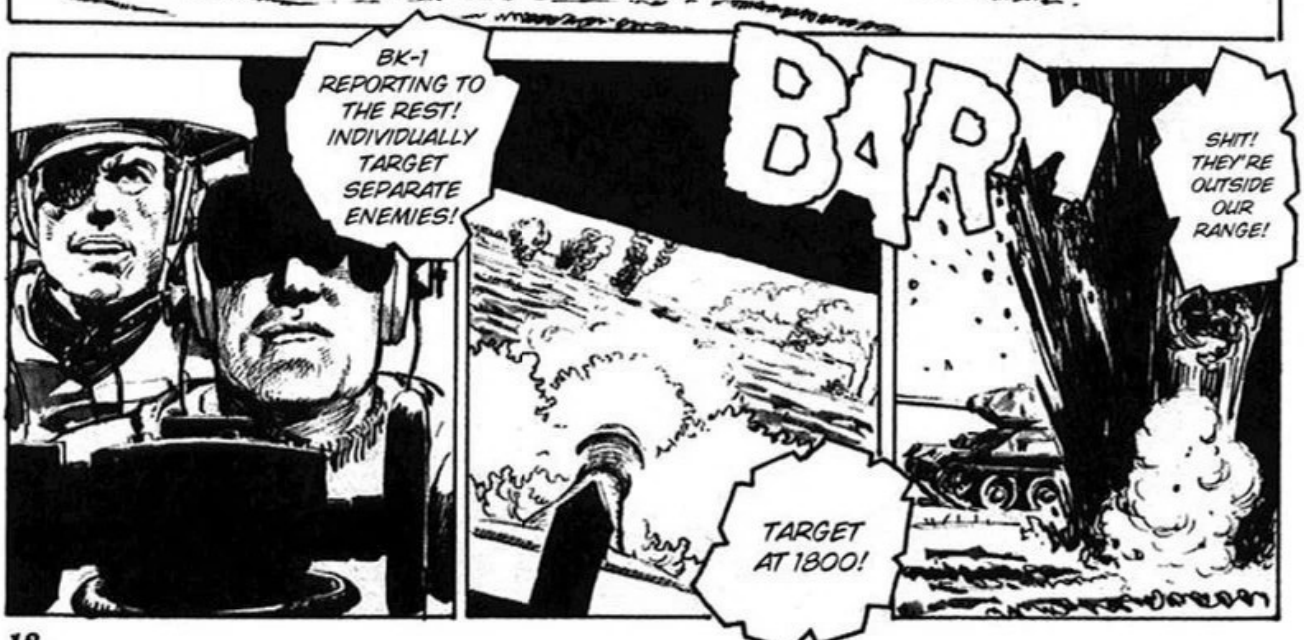
THE PERISCOPE IS A-OKAY.
MAIN CANNON TRIGGER IS FINE TOO... SO WHAT'S WITH THE SLOW FIRE RATE OF T-34s?


THEY USE A 4-MAN CREW, ONE LESS THAN US, SO THEIR COMMANDER HAS TO AIM AND FIRE IN ADDITION TO HIS COMMAND DUTIES. MEANWHILE, THEIR GUNNER HAS TO GET SPARE AMMUNITION FROM THE FLOOR BOXES UNDER THE TURRET.
ALSO, THE LACK OF A TURRET BASKET MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE LOADER TO KEEP UP WITH THE TURRET ROTATION. DESPITE ALL THAT, THEY HAVE GOOD MOBILITY IN ROUGH TERRAIN THANKS TO THEIR WIDE CATERPILLAR TRACKS BUILT WITH THE CHRISTIE SUSPENSION AND A VERY CAPABLE DIESEL ENGINE. THEY'VE ALSO GOT MUCH THICKER ARMOUR THAN US, HELPED BY THEIR EFFECTIVE SLOPED DESIGNS. I'VE HEARD THAT THEY RECENTLY ROLLED OUT A NEW MODEL WHICH USES A 5-MAN CREW THOUGH...

T-34 Layout


Front Periscope
Center Periscope
Wireless Set
Diesel Engine
Machine Gun
Fuel Tank
Turret Handle
Driver Cockpit
Ammunition
(6 rounds stored on each side)

0941 Hours
Accidental Encounter
with 40 EnemyTanks


BK-1 REPORTING TO THE REST! INDIVIDUALLY TARGET SEPARATE ENEMIES!
BARN
SHIT! THEY'RE OUTSIDE OUR RANGE!
TARGET AT 1800!

BAOOM
BAKOM
DOKOW
WHAT'S GOING ON? THEIR 75MM GUNS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REACH US!
BAKOW
AGHH! IT'S A T-34-85!
BK-1 TO BK-2! YOU'VE GOT SMOKE COMING FROM YOUR ENGINE! RETREAT!
PANZERFAUST, THIS IS THE BLACK KNIGHTS. REQUESTING IMMEDIATE REINFORCE-MENTS, OVER!
WE'VE GOT TOO MANY GUESTS OVER HERE AND CAN'T SPARE ANY WAITERS FOR YOUR PARTY AT THE MOMENT. DO YOUR BEST TO DELAY THEM!

SO THEY'RE JUST LEAVING US TO DIE!?
KURZ, SHIT'S ABOUT TO HIT THE FAN! GET READY TO LOAD AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
MAINTAIN FORMATION! DISREGARD CASUALTIES AND FOCUS FIRE TOGETHER!
TARGET AT 1200!
FIRE!
DOKOOK BAKOOOO
DOK
BAOOM

DOKOW
GET CLOSER AND AIM FOR THE BASE OF THEIR TURRET!
BANG
BAOOOOM
THAT'S A HIT! NOW AIM FOR 2 O'CLOCK! HURRY!
BARM

BAKOOM
BAKOOOM
WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
11 DEAD, 17 WOUNDED, 7 TANKS LOST, 3 TANKS DAMAGED BUT POSSIBLE TO REPAIR.